audit the accounts of political parties and change the legislation to facilitate it; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) The Committee on Electoral Reforms appointed in 1990 had considered a proposal to audit the accounts of political parties but it did not come to any conclusion as there was no unanimity of views amongst the Members of the Committee. The Election Commission has recently sent a proposal that every political party registered with the Commission should publish its accounts annually and such accounts should be audited by agencies specified by the Election Commission.

1688. [*Transferred to the 17th March, 1992*]

1689. [*Transferred to the 18th March, 1992*]

Setting up of National Court of Appeal

1690. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a National Court of Appeal to decongest the appex judicial body as suggested by the Supreme Court some times back;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) No such proposal is under the consideration of the Government now.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Nomination filed in Punjab Elections

1691. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of nomination papers field for June, 1991 elections in Punjab and that for in February, 1992 elections together with their break-up party-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that many persons were prevented from filing their nomination papers in February, 1992 elections in Punjab;

(c) if so, whether Government have enquired in this matter and fixed responsibility and action taken in this regard; and

(d) number of complaints registered by political parties in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) A statement containing the requisite information is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below)

(b) to (d) Requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(1) *Total No. of Persons (Party-wise) who filed Nominations at the time of Lok Sabha/Vidhan Sabha Elections* 1991

Name of Party	Lok Sabha	Vidhan Sabha
Bharatiya Janata Party	30	173
Communist Party of India	6	67
Communist Party of India (Marxist)	4	56
Indian National Congress	21	175
Janata Dal	27	140
Janata Party	20	17
Lok Dal	3	7
Janata Dal (Samajwadi)	6	68
Congress (S)	1	4
Shiromani Akali Dal	35	223
Shiromani Akali Dal (Badal)	23	236
Shiromani Akali Dal (Simaranjit Singh Mann)	51	549
Bahujan Samaj Party	23	290
Others	166	1725
	416	3790

(2) *Total No. of Persons (Party-wise) who field Nominations at the time of Lok Sabha/Vidhan Sabha Elections* 1992

Name of Party	Lok Sabha	Vidhan Sabha
Bharatiya Janata Party	14	107
Communist Party of India	5	54
Communist Party of India (Marxist)	3	38
Indian National Congress	30	285
Janata Dal	7	68
Lok Dal	4	1
Janata Party	..	5
Congress (S)	..	6
Shiromani Akali Dal	8	71
Bahujan Samaj Party	16	175
Others	45	283
	132	1093